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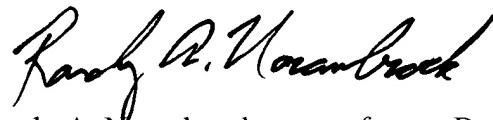
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The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 have been cited in a European Search Report in connection with the corresponding European application. Enclosed are copies of the search report and cited references for the Examiner's information.

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